



SUPERIOR COURT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106

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Notice of Reduction in Operating Hours

Pursuant to Government Code Section 68106, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo is providing 60 day notice of the reduction in operational hours for the public filing windows and telephones in the Civil Department, Criminal Department, Traffic Division, and the Court Collections Unit/Payment Center.

Currently the operating hours for the Yolo Superior Court filing windows and phones in the Civil Department, Criminal Department, and Traffic Division are Monday– Friday from 8:30 am– 4:00 pm, excluding holidays. The current operating hours for the Court Collections Unit/Payment Center are Monday– Friday from 8:30 am– 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

Effective **October 3, 2011**, the operating hours for filing windows and phones in the Civil Department (Room 103), the Criminal Department (Room 111), the Court Collections Unit/Payment Center (Room 210) and the Traffic Division (275 First Street) will be Monday – Friday from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, excluding holidays.

Over the past three years the California Judicial Branch budget has been reduced by 30%. The Legislature and Governor recently approved an additional permanent \$350 million dollar budget reduction to the Judicial Branch. Yolo Superior Court must absorb a 6.8% budget reduction for fiscal year 2011-12, a 15.2% reduction for 2012-13, and over 20% reduction in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Until now the Court has been able to stay within its budget by prudent management and cost saving measures such as a hiring freeze, voluntary furloughs and reduction in travel and training. However, the current number of vacant positions coupled with the fact that Yolo Superior Court has historically been understaffed and underfunded has created an untenable staffing shortage. Reducing the filing window and telephone hours is a necessary and unavoidable consequence of the unprecedented budget crisis facing the Judicial Branch.